

# KRAB KRONICLE

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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Getsy

**Bladder control**  
Staff Sgt. Gregory Beachell, 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, adds chlorine to water stored in one of the eight bladders here. Kirkuk residents use approximately 60,000 gallons of water per day.

## CERP funds help restore Iraqi television station

**By Maj. Roger Lawson**  
*506th Air Expeditionary Group*  
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The voice of a free Iraq rings clearer today thanks to the combined efforts of Kirkuk members and the Commander's Emergency Response Program.

Members of the 173rd Airborne Brigade and 506th Air Expeditionary Group have spent the last six months restoring the Iraqi Media Network's government-owned television station into a fully functional media outlet.

"Compared to when we first jumped into the country, the difference is night and day," said Army Sgt. 1st Class Todd Oliver, public affairs noncommissioned officer for the 173rd. "When we got here they really didn't have any equipment or experience operating in an

environment of free press."

Much of that has changed, as the network's Kirkuk affiliate has gone from a looted post-war shell to a station that boasts new equipment. But the transition hasn't been easy. Until recently, they only had one camera and couldn't capture any of the things happening throughout the city.

"They relied on AFN (American Forces Network) and the Air Force's Combat Camera team to film events and hand deliver them to the station for airing," said Oliver. "Fortunately, we were able to help them purchase several new cameras, along with computers, televisions, and editing equipment. We later bought them new television studio furniture through CERP."

"They've kept us very busy," said

Capt. Kristen Templet, 506th AEG combat camera team chief. "It isn't our traditional role as combat camera, but it has been very rewarding to watch the station stand up on its own two feet."

According to Maria Hawil, IMN's general manager in Kirkuk, the station now broadcasts about 14 hours a day. She credits their success to the hard work of her staff and the help they've received from coalition forces.

Today, programming still includes rebroadcasts from Baghdad, but viewers can now choose to watch a variety of other programs as well.

"It's been a long road, but this station now plays a major role in telling the people of Kirkuk what's happening throughout the region," said Oliver. "I'm glad we could be part of it."

# Leadership opportunities are available here for those who accept challenge

By Maj. Arthur Nicholson

506th Expeditionary Medical Squadron

The opportunities for practicing leadership skills are boundless here at Kirkuk.

The base is forward in the area of responsibility, it's building organizationally, and leadership changes on a rotational basis. These dynamics collectively create a target-rich environment for developing leadership skills.

No matter what Air Force Speciality Code, particular job or rank, the opportunity to step up and lead can and will present itself.

One is either ready for the task of leadership or this platform can be used to develop leadership skills.

There are a few schools of thought about leadership as it pertains to the individual.

Some believe leadership is a natural phenomenon that people are born with, "a natural born leader." Others believe leadership is a skill that can be learned just as other skills and disciplines are acquired.

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Then there are those who submit to both schools of thought to some degree. That is no one is born a leader, but people are born with qualities that predispositions them as potential leaders.

Leadership skills can be learned and applied effectively.

When these two things happen in one person, phrases such as natural, born and consummate leader attach to that person and his or her leadership efforts.

Whatever you subscribe to, each of us can be a leader in his own right here or develop leadership skills at Kirkuk AB regardless of AFSC, job or rank.

## *What wearing the Air Force uniform means to me*

By Airman 1st Class

Christopher Kobernuss

97th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Altus AFB, Okla.

On the way to begin basic training, I kept thinking to myself, "I'm really doing this. My family will be so proud. My family can sleep easy knowing that I will protect them."

As my flight landed, a little boy behind me was looking out the window.

He turned to his mother and asked where the bombs were. His mother told him there were no bombs on this kind of plane. Then he asked, "Who's going to protect us if there's no bombs?" His mom said, "Honey, there's somebody out there to protect us."

That made me realize that my family wasn't the only one relying on me. I have a much bigger family now.

My uniform means protection.

My uniform means people won't

wonder who will keep them safe. My uniform means our families won't have to worry about car bombings or guerrilla attacks in our streets.

My uniform means freedom. It means servicemembers before me gave me the freedom to choose. It means it's my turn to ensure people after me have that same freedom.

When I put on this uniform, it means my wingman can trust me with his or her life and I will trust him with mine.



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## Run-away

Claudia Denton, from the 506th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, competes in the base's 10-miler Oct. 10. Denton was the first woman to cross the finish line. The first 200 finishers each received a t-shirt for completing the run. The next run is scheduled for Oct. 31.



Courtesy photo

## News briefs

### Iraqi rodeo

The Cantina will host an Iraqi rodeo today at 8 p.m. Events will include camel busting, barrel racin', goat rustilin' and all-around cowboy (or cowgirl). For more information, email Tech. Sgt. Keith Vernon or stop by the Cantina.

### 3-on-3 Basketball Tourney

The Sand Krab Fitness Center will host a three-on-three basketball tournament today beginning at 6 p.m. The tournament will be a single-elimination format. Rules for the tournament are available on the "O" drive. For more information call 460-0879.

### Talent show

The Palm Oasis Recreation Center will host a talent show Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed for various positions to include audio systems and stage assistant, decorator, usher, set up and clean up. For more information, call the recreation center at 460-0277.

### Right Start, redeployment briefings

The Right Start briefing for new arrivals is held Tuesdays at 8 a.m. at the clamshell next to the PERSCO building. The redeployment briefings will follow at 10 a.m. at the same location. For more information, call 460-0625.

### Cantina sports schedule on intranet

The Cantina has posted schedules on its homepage for each televised sport for the month of October. The schedule is posted on the organization drive under the 506th Expeditionary Services Squadron folder. The schedules feature sporting events from the National Football League, college football, Major League Baseball and the National Hockey League. People are reminded that the schedule

could change. The games posted are selected by the American Forces Network. For more information, stop by the Cantina.

### Special seminars

Professional development seminars are being held now through the beginning of November. The following is a list of upcoming classes:

**Wednesday** – Time management

**Oct. 29** – Training and 623 documentation

**Nov. 5** – Enforcing standards

All classes will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. in the clamshell.

### Bench press contest

The Sand Krab Fitness Center will host a bench press competition Wednesday at 5 p.m. Sign-ups are being held at the main counter of the fitness center.

### Cargo shipping

All squadrons who would like to ship cargo items must go through their unit deployment manager. The UDM's will act as a liaison to the traffic management office. For more information on travel and/or cargo shipping information go to <http://intranet/506AEG/ELRS/tmo.asp> or call 460-0039.

### Air Force offers 1-800 number

All active-duty, Guard, Reserve, retirees and U.S. serviced civilian employees will be able to use one number for personnel issues. Dial 1-800-616-3775 for assistance with records, pay inquiries, technical support for vMPF and myPay, benefits and entitlements counseling and employment information. Qualifying questions must be answered before the caller is automatically transferred to the appropriate center. For more information, call 460-0649.

# Kirkuk residents send holiday greetings

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Getsy  
506 Air Expeditionary Group  
Public Affairs

Kirkuk residents were given the opportunity to send holiday greetings back home when the Army and Air Force Hometown News Team visited Oct. 1-4.

More than 300 base residents, including Air Force, Army and Department of Defense civilians, sent home approximately 400 holiday greetings.

The greetings will begin airing around Thanksgiving and continue throughout the holiday season.

According to Army Sgt. 1st Class Jamie Posten, holiday greetings team, the greetings are sent back to each person's hometown where they have a chance to air on television.

While the team was here, they



Courtesy photo

**Tech. Sgt. Emmett Tibbs waits for his cue from Army Sgt. 1st Class Jamie Posten to send home a holiday greeting.**

filmed for two days outside of the Cantina and then went outside the wire to film members of the 173rd Airborne Brigade at safe houses

throughout Kirkuk City.

The team said the greetings filmed will be available online at <http://hn.afnews.af.mil> after Dec. 1.

## Construction begins for new passenger terminal

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Getsy  
506th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

The ground work for a new passenger terminal is under way and is expected to be completed Nov. 1.

The new terminal, which will be located across from the Air Terminal Operation Center, will make arriving and leaving Kirkuk a one-stop shop.

"Civil engineers have already begun clearing the land and laying stones and power chords for the new facility," said 1st Lt. Alfort Belin, ATOC chief. "We are hoping to simplify the process by combining the custom's function and our ATOC function into one building."

ATOC has been working hand-in-hand with the Army Customs to produce an operation that meets Air Mobility Command requirements and custom requirements. Belin said the new terminal is similar to the terminal at Al-Udeid, Qatar, but is part of a new operational design that is expected to decrease customs inspection time by 20 percent.

"The main terminal building will be nearly 1,000 feet bigger than the clamshell, located near PERSCO," he said. "Additionally, there will be two other shelters available for increased passenger movement."

The remaining ATOC functions will continue to work out of the existing facility, said Belin. These functions include: Ramp, load planning cargo, joint inspections and AMC airlift coordination.

Belin said the new facility is long over due.

"There have been more than 5,000 passengers that had to wait for at least three hours in 120 plus temperatures," he said. "With the expected movement of AEF Silver and some of our Army counterparts, this passenger terminal will do more than suffice the needs of troops awaiting airlift home."

Although there hasn't been any official word of increased airlift coming to Kirkuk, Belin said ATOC is preparing for the worst.

"We may possibly have C-17 flights from here to the states at the beginning of the rotations," he said. "For now, we will continue to operate at the normal aerial port operations tempo."

"With the rainy season beginning, the new terminal will help tremendously," he said. "Customers will no longer have to drag their bags across the street for customs. Hopefully, the crew here will be able to see the finished job and rotate more than 2,300 people in and out of Kirkuk."





Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Getsy

## Measuring up

**Staff Sgt. Terry Wallace, 506th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, measures a board for a patio being built for the new armory. The armory stores the weapons used by the 506th ESFS to include M-16s and M-9s.**

# Tops in Blue comes to Kirkuk

**By Senior Airman Lee S. Smith**  
*Editor*

Tops in Blue is scheduled to perform on base Monday at 8 p.m. at the Sand Krab Fitness Center.

Master Sgt. Stanley Pamphille, 506th Expeditionary Services Squadron, said that having Tops In Blue come here to perform is something special.

"Anytime we can get artists to come here and perform is great," Pamphille said. "It is especially meaningful that these performers are also military members; people that we can relate to."

Tech. Sgt. Teresa Silas, 506th ESVS, agreed that it is special for Tops In Blue to come here.

"It is rare to have any type of performers come into this type of environment," Silas said.

The Tops In Blue members are not only performers; they are also their own technical staff, as they set up and tear down their own equipment. This equipment includes more than 36,000 pounds of staging and lighting. According to Pamphille, this provides a unique opportunity for Kirkuk mem-

bers to be involved.

"We need volunteers to assist with ushering, set-up and crowd control," said Pamphille. "It is a great chance for Kirkuk members to be a contributor to the show."

Silas added that there is also a chance to do more than just contribute.

"Members can give ideas and possibly have significant roles 'behind the scenes,'" Silas said.

Pamphille said Tops In Blue is a reminder of home.

"We have the opportunity to be involved in bringing a taste of American arts and culture to a deployed location," Pamphille said. "Who would have thought that they would be performing here and that we would have the opportunity to contribute to the overall success of the show."

Tops in Blue was established in 1953. Col. (Ret.) Al Reilly held a talent contest to find the best comedians, actors, singers and musicians in the Air Force to perform at Air Force installations around the country.



Photo by Staff Sgt. James A. Williams

## Escort duty

**Airman 1st Class Tamara Rinker, left, an escort with the 506th Expeditionary Group, talks with a local Iraqi contractor in front of Kirkuk AB Sunday. All of the local contractors, as well as their vehicles, are searched every morning before they are permitted to enter the base.**



Photo by Tech. Mark Getsy

Royal Air Force Corporal Dave Booth replaces the taileron actuator and completes a functional check of the British tornado that was here Sunday.

## Teamwork gets 'tornado' off-base

By Senior Airman Lee S. Smith  
Editor

During a recent in-flight emergency, coalition forces teamed up to help land, fix and get a British Tornado back into the skies.

According to Lt. Col. Brian Jurkovic, 506th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron, the Tornado landed here Saturday after an IFE stopped them from continuing their mission.

"They lost their hydraulics power, had no brakes and they had to put the flaps down manually," he said. "This was the best place for them to land."

According to Squadron leader John Turner, they tried to land the crippled aircraft, but had other problems.

"We were performing a routine reconnaissance mission over Iraq in support of the Army," Turner said. "We normally have a backup system for our flight controls, but we lost our nose wheel steering and the ability to lower our landing gear. We ended up blowing the landing gear down. We landed at about 120 knots, or 140 miles per hour."

Baghdad International Airport was not an option, but Kirkuk was, Turner added.

"Baghdad is an international airport but doesn't have a barrier system," Turner said. "We landed here because it was the closest coalition base and it's the only base in Iraq with a barrier cable system," he said. "We happened to be

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— John Turner

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in the AOR a few weeks ago and learned about the certified barrier system. We engage the barrier about once a year, so we really don't deal with it a lot."

British First Sergeant Keith Taylor said it took a group of people from various countries to get the job done.

"We brought nine technicians from Al Udeid (Qatar) to help with the maintenance of the aircraft," he said. "There were airframe, avionics, weapons and electrician specialists to help. It was interesting that it was an RAF C-130 that was assigned to Basra that brought us here and an Australian C-130 from Al Udeid to bring us back."

Turner said Kirkuk really helped them out while they were here — it was a real team effort.

"We received great support from Kirkuk," he said. "Everything from transient alert to billeting and transportation has been excellent."

The plane was fixed and left the base Sunday.

**Scores and more****NFL standings***(as of Thursday)***AFC****East**

MIA 4-1, N.E. 4-2, BUF 3-3, NYJ 1-4

**North**

BAL 3-2, CLE 3-3, PIT 2-4, CIN 1-4

**South**

IND 5-1, TEN 4-2, HOU 2-3, JAX 1-5

**West**

KC 6-0, DEN 5-1, OAK 2-4, SD 0-5

**NFC****East**

DAL 4-1, WAS 3-3, PHI 2-3, NYG 2-3

**North**

MIN 5-0, GB 3-3, DET 1-4, CHI 1-4

**South**

CAR 5-0, TB 3-2, NO 2-4, ATL 1-5

**West**

SEA 4-1, STL 3-2, SF 2-4, ARI 1-5

**USA Today/ESPN Top 10**

1. Oklahoma
2. Miami
3. Va. Tech
4. USC
5. Georgia
6. Wash. St.
7. FSU
8. Ohio State
9. Iowa
10. LSU

**In other headlines...**

**NCAA football ...** Defensive line coach John Munford was named interim head coach for Army. The team fired their head coach Tuesday after the current eight-game losing streak.

**MLB...**The 2003 World Series is scheduled to begin Saturday at the home of the American League champions.

**Chapel Schedule****Friday**

5 a.m., 7 p.m. -- Islamic prayer

**Saturday**

7 p.m. -- Catholic Mass

**Sunday**

8 a.m. -- Gospel Service

9 a.m. -- Catholic Mass (Sky Soldier chapel)

10 a.m. -- General Protestant

11:30 a.m. -- Catholic Mass

1 p.m. -- Latter-Day Saints

2 p.m. -- Catholic Mass (Sky Soldiers Chapel)

7 p.m. -- Protestant Service

**Tuesday**

6:30 p.m. Growing as a Christian: Studying the Book of James

**Wednesday**

8 a.m. -- The Bible in Light of Current History and Local Events

5:30 p.m. -- Building Your Faith: Studying the Book of Hebrews

**Friday**

9 a.m. Catholic Mass (Sky Soldier chapel)

*All services are held at the Ten Days From Tomorrow Chapel unless otherwise noted. Times subject to change. Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist and others should contact chapel administration for updates of their religious requirements and support.*

**KRAB Intramural standings, schedules**
**Intramural Flag  
FOOTBALL Standings  
(As of Wednesday)**
**AFC**

Team	W	L	Pct.
Yard Dogs	4	0	1.000
Able Warlords	4	0	1.000
Warriors	2	1	.667
506th ECES #1	2	1	.667
173rd CSC	2	1	.667
1/508th ABN/IN	2	2	.500
173rd HHC	1	2	.333
223rd ENG BN	0	3	.000
506th ECS	0	3	.000
506th ESFS	0	3	.000

**NFC**

Hell's Butchers	5	0	1.000
506th ECES #2	4	0	1.000
Staffers	4	2	.625
Huron #2	3	1	.750
B Co. 2/2 INF	2	2	.500
2/15 Far, 10th MTN	1	3	.250
728th EACS	1	3	.250
No Mercy	1	3	.250

**Upcoming football schedule****Today**

3:30 p.m. 173rd HHC vs. 173rd CSC  
4:30 p.m. Warriors vs. 506th ECS  
5:30 p.m. 1/508th ABN vs. 506th ECES #1

**Monday**

3:30 p.m. Yard Dogs vs. Able Warlords  
4:30 p.m. 173rd HHC vs. 506th ESFS  
5:30 p.m. 728th EACS vs. B Co 2/2 Inf

**Tuesday**

3:30 p.m. TBA  
4:30 p.m. 173rd CSC vs. 506th ECS  
5:30 p.m. 1/508th ABN vs. Yard Dogs

**Wednesday**

3:30 p.m. Blacksheep Boys vs. Able Warlords  
4:30 p.m. Warriors vs. B Co. 2/2 Inf  
5:30 p.m. No Mercy vs. 2/15 FAR, 10th MTN

**Thursday**

3:30 p.m. Huron #2 vs. 506th ECES #2  
4:30 p.m. Yard Dogs vs. 506th ECES #1  
5:30 p.m. 728th EACS vs. No Mercy

**Explosive ordnance disposal item of the week**

**Projectiles** – These items can range from small mortar rounds to large artillery. The different types of projectiles have many different purposes, ranging from armor piercing to illuminations. These ordnance are explosive and many have sensitive fusing systems and should not be bothered or tampered with. If anyone does encounter one, mark off the area and immediately contact the EOD team with the location at 460-0903.



Photo courtesy of EOD



## Commonly used phone numbers

ATOC .....	460-0038
BDOC .....	460-0960
Cantina.....	460-0811
CC Supt. Section ...	460-0099
CE Cust. Serv.....	460-0058
Chaplain .....	460-0129
Command Chief ....	460-0052
Command Post. ....	460-0077
COMM Help Desk ...	460-0000
Contracting .....	460-0860
Dining Facility.....	460-0605
EMEDS.....	460-0802
EOD .....	460-0903
Fire Department ...	460-0030
Finance .....	460-0620
First Sergeant.....	460-0016
Fitness Center .....	460-0271
Latvians .....	460-0065
Legal .....	460-0117
Lodging.....	460-0806
Logistics Plans .....	460-0194
OSI.....	460-0326
PERSCO .....	460-0625/0627
Public Affairs .....	460-0131
Protocol.....	460-0260
Safety.....	460-0090
Supply .....	460-0039

For a complete listing of agencies' telephone numbers, log onto <http://www.krab.aorcentaf.af.mil/Phonebooks.html>.

## What's Your Sign?

**Leo** (July 23 - Aug. 22) You can be fickle, you're allergic to pickles, stay away from cucumbers, and ... keep all your nickels.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Actions can be misinterpreted, but when people's eyes start to water when you talk, it's not because your words are inspiring ... it might be time to consider changing to a stronger mouthwash.

**Libra** (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22) Put the brakes on when it comes to love and romance this week. Use the time to develop a plan for when that special someone does enter your life. Or go to the Cantina, shoot darts and imagine that all of your ex's are the bull's-eye.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) A creative project will need your talents. So be sure to jump at the next "Red Light, Green Light" game you see. You won't regret it.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Yes, it is Halloween time, but don't scare people, like peaking out from behind a wall. It will come back to haunt you. Trust me.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20) Beware of those who are jumping at any "Red Light, Green Light" contests. Weirdos.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 21 - Feb. 18) Investment tip of the week: never listen to a tip provided by Willie Wide-Mouth, the guy with the

huge neck. Long story.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19 - March 20) Pisces, dear Pisces. If you have any romantic possibilities, go for them. If not, now would be a good time to clip those toenails. You could poke an eye out with those things!

**Aries** (Feb. 19 - March 20) Time is the only thing separating you from financial wealth. Well, time and money. And a savings account. And that portable DVD you bought ... with your credit card. And taking a tip from Willie Wide-Mouth.

**Taurus** (April 20 - May 20) Try to look for things in your dreams that you can use in a real-life scenario. Except that dream where you're stranded on a deserted island with some guy who wears a funny looking hat, with that rich guy and his old lady, the red-headed dramatic performer, the brainiac, and that farm girl.

**Gemini** (May 21 - June 20) You will be drawn to a potential meeting of people with similar interests, but if that meeting involves people who dress in costumes and speak in Klingon, try to avoid it.

**Cancer** (June 21 - July 22) Take each compliment you receive with a grain of salt. "You have a face that should be on a stamp" could very easily mean "someone should stamp on your face."

## Translations

1 - wahed

2 - ethnan

3 - thalatha

4 - Arbaa

5 - xamsa

6 - setta

7 - sabaa

8 - thamania

9 - tesaa

Monday - Al-Ethnan

Tuesday - Al-ThaLatha

Wednesday - Al Arbeaa

Thursday - Al-xamees

Friday - Al-jumaa

Saturday - Al-sabut

Sunday - Al-Ahaad